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Letter dated 6 July 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1761 (2007) concerning Côte d'Ivoire. In paragraph 1 of the resolution, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts until 31 October 2007 and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures to appoint new members, as necessary, to the Group.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have appointed Claudio Gramizzi (Italy), who successfully served as a consultant and acting arms expert during the Group's previous mandate, as the arms expert of the Group. I have also reappointed the four experts who served during the previous mandate of the Group to continue as experts during the current mandate. The composition of the Group of Experts is as follows:

Grégoire Bafouatika, Congo (aviation)

Lipika Majumdar Roy Choudhury, India (finance)

Abdoul Wahab Diakhaby, Guinea (diamonds)

Claudio Gramizzi, Italy (arms)

Oumar Dieye Sidi, Niger (customs)

I have designated Mr. Oumar Dieye Sidi to continue serving as Coordinator of the Group of Experts. I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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